

herbarium at Yale University there is a specimen of *J. brachycarpus* collected by Dr. Swan in "West Boston," May 15, 1884, and a sheet of *J. effusus*, var. *decipiens* collected by Dr. Swan at East Gloucester.—M. L. FERNALD, Gray Herbarium.

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LINUM CATHARTICUM IN MAINE.—As I was lately revising my specimens of the genus *Linum* in my herbarium, I was surprised and pleased to come across a sheet of four fruiting specimens of the European Fairy Flax, *Linum catharticum* L., from "The Basin," Vinalhaven, Maine, collected by Mr. William W. Dodge, September 1, 1894. This is the first record for New England, but the Fairy Flax has been found at three stations in British America. Prof. John Macoun has reported it (Cat. Can. Pl., i. 501, 1886) "on waste ground along the seashore at Pictou, N. S." and Prof. M. L. Fernald has discussed and recorded it (RHODORA, v. 119, 1903) from Sydney, Cape Breton, and also (RHODORA, xiii. 116, 1911) as growing along the railway at Birchy Cove on the western coast of Newfoundland. Vinalhaven is an island at the mouth of Penobscot Bay and is 300 miles in a straight line from Pictou, the nearest recorded station for the species. Doubtless the plant occurs at other stations along the coast.—WALTER DEANE, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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ASTRAGALUS CONTORTUPLICATUS ON WOOL-WASTE.—In June, 1911, on the J. V. Fletcher farm in Westford, Massachusetts, where wool-waste is used as a fertilizier, I found growing with *Thlaspi arvense*, *Sisymbrium Sophia*, and *Dracocephalum thymiflorum* (see RHODORA, xiii. 212) one plant of a Milk Vetch, which with the help of the Gray Herbarium has been named as: "*Astragalus contortuplicatus*, a native of eastern Europe, Siberia and Northern India. No American record is found of this species."—EMILY F. FLETCHER, Westford, Massachusetts.

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